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## Rail Road Time Cards

### A. T. & S. F.

On and after January 9th, 1887, trains leave Great Bend as follows, viz:

GOING EAST.  
No. 4, Atlantic express, 4:59 a. m.  
No. 8, Eastern Express, 5:03 p. m.  
No. 6, New York Express, 6:25 a. m.  
No. 42, way freight, 1:37 p. m.  
No. 44, " " 3:00 p. m.

GOING WEST.  
No. 3, California and New Mexico Ex., 10:10 p. m.  
No. 7, Colorado and Utah Express, 11:04 a. m.  
No. 5, Denver Express, 10:00 p. m.  
No. 41, way freight, 10:14 a. m.

GREAT BEND WAY FREIGHT.  
Arrives from east, 12:15 p. m.  
Departs for east, 2:30 p. m.

### C. K. & W.

LEAVES.  
Express, 11:19 a. m.  
Freight, 5:09 a. m.

ARRIVES.  
Express, 4:40 p. m.  
Freight, 10:30 p. m.

All trains daily except Sunday.  
W. TORREY, Agent.

### Mo. Pacific.

ARRIVES.  
St. Louis Express, 12:45 a. m.  
Colorado Express, 7:20 a. m.

DEPARTS.  
St. Louis Express, 5:30 a. m.  
Colorado Express, 10:30 p. m.

All trains daily.  
E. W. WAYNANT, Agent.

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Collections Promptly Attended To.

Office over Moss' Grocery Store.

GREAT BEND, - - KANSAS.

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F. LIGHTFOOT,

Physician & Surgeon,

Headquarters at Allen's Drug Store.

A. Y. McCormick, M. D., V. L. Chester, M. D.

MCCORMICK & CHESTER,

### Physicians and Surgeons.

Office over Dodge's Hardware store,

northwest cor. La Fayette Park.

GREAT BEND, - - KANSAS.

### Shaw & Ayres

PHYSICIANS AND SURGEONS.

HEADQUARTERS AT

Wilson & Shaw's Drug Store.

### DR. W. H. WHITE,

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Office in the Willner Block, opposite

the Postoffice. Night calls promptly

attended to, lamp burning at office door

all night.

GREAT BEND - - KANSAS.

### HOTELS AND RESTAURANTS.

Typewriter House,

Terms reasonable. Good sample

room for commercial men.

East Side Square,

GREAT BEND, - - KANSAS

### Valley House,

N. R. HOLMES, Prop.

Near depot. Best accommodations

in the city. Transient \$1.50 per day;

by week \$4. A good feed stable in

connection.

### FRENCH

Restaurant,

JOE TROILLET, Proprietor.

Meals at all hours. Fine French

cuisine, fresh fruits and cigars.

OIL HAS been found at Lehigh, I. T., at a depth of 917 feet. There is a constant flow of oil at the rate of one barrel an hour.

THE Hugo Herald has changed editors, C. E. Cook, under whose able management the Herald has prospered, having retired on account of other pressing business wanting his attention, and Mr. N. Campbell having assumed management.

PROF. SWENSON, in charge of the experiments in the manufacture of sugar from sorghum cane at Fort Scott, expresses his opinion in his annual report that sugar can be produced fully as cheap in Kansas as in Louisiana. Such being the case what a brilliant future is in store for our great state!—*Ex*

A MAN who cannot succeed in Kansas in any legitimate avocation aside from our great specialty—agriculture, would fail miserably anywhere else on earth. For in no state in the Union are the conditions of success so numerous and so easy to an industrious, energetic, sagacious man as here.—*Sterling Bulletin.*

THE Great Bend extension to the Santa Fe is rapidly coming to the front as a first-class road, having now put on sleepers to run to Modoc, as we are informed yesterday. The great Walnut Valley will make a showing this year which has never before been equaled, and the C. K. & W. will prove one of the best branches on the Santa Fe line.

IN RECENT decisions of the supreme court we notice the following which will be of interest to our readers:

In the case of O. V. Dodge & Co. vs. Childs et al, error from Barton county, the decision of the lower court reversed.

In case of State ex rel. vs. J. R. Stock et al, from Rush county, motion for a new hearing over ruled.

The Great Bend Tribune says the ground-hog failed to cast his shadow there last Thursday, as the misty, misty weather was too dense for shadows. Here the sun came out feebly a few minutes about noon, and if his majesty was looking around at that time he undoubtedly saw his shadow and retired for six more long weeks. Hence we conclude that while Barton county farmers may go to work at once, Pawnee county farmers must wait six weeks longer.—*Larned Eagle-Optic.*

Twas ever thus, Bro. Leftwich, Barton county being "the banner county" of course will always be in front of the Arkansas Valley counties. The fates have willed it, and the ground-hog has said it.

OUR people will appreciate the reduction which has been made in freight rates. We clip the following from the Topeka Capital:

The latest in the freight war east of the Missouri river cut of one-half cent in first-class between St. Louis and Kansas City, making the first-class rate 17 1/2 cents. The latest first-class rate to Chicago is 34 1/2 which is less than 50 per cent of the original first-class rate. A well-known railroad official well posted on freight matters predicted yesterday that some one will "squelch" within a day or two. Under the inter-state law the rate cannot be restored or increased from the present cut without giving ten days' notice and after the bottom has been reached the ten days notice has been given, there will be witnessed a remarkable rush in the freight business.

### Not a Suicide.

Saturday word was received here that a woman had committed suicide at or near Claffin, and county coroner Shaw was called up there to hold an inquest over the remains. Later developments show that the woman, a Mrs. Bahrt, died of quick consumption, that being the verdict of the coroners jury. It appears the woman had been an invalid for some time and had decided her property over to a man and his wife on the condition that they should care for her during her life time. When she died on Friday last, some ill-disposed person started the report that foul play caused her death, and Mr. H. A. C. Hartman having been made the administrator of her estate, thought it best to have an examination of the body made to allay all fears resulting from such report. Consequently the coroner was summoned.

### FROM BARTONDALE.

Editor DEMOCRAT:

I see in the Great Bend papers that Great Bend and the surrounding country is booming, and the many land agents are greasing their tongues to be ready for the spring emigration. With all this we don't see anything mentioned about the north part of Barton county, except that "Squire Brown has been to town to see his father, etc."

The north part of Barton county is the best part of the county, the part that saved the people of Great Bend from going back to "their wife's people" seven years ago. Think of it! Fairview township alone has wintered over twelve hundred head of cattle, and over two hundred head of horses, besides many sheep and hogs, and has fodder ample left to have fed half as many more. Fairview, the banner township in Barton county! Plenty of water; good land; good schools and churches, and good society.

A READER.

## WICHITA COUNTY TRIAL.

NINE MEN BROUGHT TO GREAT BEND ON A CHANGE OF VENUE, TO BE TRIED FOR MURDER!

Eight are Released by Judge Clark, For Want of Jurisdiction—Tom Allen Now on Trial!

The cases of the state against Thomas Allen, W. A. Frush, A. B. Sykes, John Knapp, A. H. Wheat, James Secrist, C. A. Hare, Jack Leahy and Charles Secrist, charged with murder, at Coronado, Feb. 27th, 1887, has been occupying the district court at Great Bend since Wednesday of last week.

On Thursday the case against A. B. Sykes was dismissed upon motion of defendants for want of jurisdiction. Friday morning the case against Tom Allen was taken up and the examination of witnesses for the state began.

Saturday afternoon Judge Clark dismissed the cases of all but Allen, for want of jurisdiction. There are a large number of witnesses for both prosecution and defense, and a great deal of time will be taken up in the trial. Both the prosecution and defense feel that they will have a fair and just hearing before Judge Clark and the jury of Barton county men.

### THE KILLING.

From a Coronado paper we get the following description of the affray which resulted in the death of the men for whose killing the prisoners are now being tried:

Sunday morning last, Rains and Johnson came to Coronado with the mail from Wallace and while here stopped at the drug store for the purpose of getting a bottle of beer, but were informed that there was no beer in town. Rains walked to the door and seeing but one or two men on the street asked the druggist what the people were. The druggist told him they were christians over here and that nearly all in attendance at church. Rains remarked that it would be a good day to "round up" the town, and jumping into the buggy with Johnson started to Leoti.

Nothing was said regarding a return to our city, but between two and three o'clock a spring wagon containing Coulter, Rains, Johnson, Jenness, Watkins, Borey and Denning was seen coming up Main street and a case of beer sitting in it. They drove to Wright's drug store and unloading the beer proceeded to the inside, where all who were present were invited to drink. Four of the Leoti party drawing their revolvers and rapping them on the counter. It did not matter who came into the store, all had to drink, whether he was a drinking man or not. After half an hour's sport of this kind, they proceeded to the drug store of John Shilling, where they again drank, but drinking became monotonous, and Coulter pulled his revolver and fired four shots behind the prescription case into the floor. He then stepped around and at the point of his revolver, compelled the nurse in attendance on Shilling to dance. Leaving the drug store, they proceeded down town, Johnson firing off his revolver, until the Yankee Notion Store was reached, when Coulter, Rains and Borey stepped on the wooden sidewalk and began dancing a jig. As soon as the proprietress stepped to the door they began making ugly faces at her and otherwise insulting her. This was done no doubt to draw us out, as this is the house in which we live, but failing in this they proceeded to Wright's drug store. Ten minutes more were spent there in drinking, and all having their appetites satiated, came out and got into the spring wagon. The whip was applied and a sigh of relief went up from our citizens as the wagon was seen to turn the corner of Main and Ninth. Just as the wagon rounded the corner, Frank Jenness spied Frank Lilly standing on the bank corner and the team was stopped. Jenness jumped out and asked Lilly if he wanted to fight. Lilly said he did not, and Jenness pulled off his overcoat and said he could whip any one of a b— in Coronado. Rains next jumped out of the wagon, with revolver in hand, and asked Lilly if he wanted to fight him, and Lilly replied that he did not. Rains then went to the wagon and laid his revolver on the seat and came back, remarking that he would fight him even. Coulter then jumped out and going up to Lilly asked him if he wanted to fight him. Lilly gave him a negative reply, and Coulter whipped out his revolver and struck Lilly over the head with it, saying, "You b— of a b— I'll make you fight." As soon as Lilly was struck he started across the street to the Hotel Vendome. Coulter then spied Mr. Nickel standing on the top platform of the stairway leading to the offices over the Wichita County Bank, and pointing his revolver at his head, commanded him to come down. Mr. Nickel did as he was commanded. The next thing Coulter did was to strike Louis Jackson over the head with his revolver. Lou was leaning against an awning post and was an innocent spectator, but that did not matter to Coulter, for he brought the revolver down with such force as to cut a terrible gash in Jackson's scalp. Charles E. Loomis was the next man assailed, being accused by Coulter of selling out to the Coronado Town Company. Mr. Loomis is one of the most peaceable citizens of Coronado,

and told Coulter he had nothing against him, and requested him to leave town like a gentleman. Coulter did not like this kind of talk, and again whipping out his revolver struck at Loomis' head, but he jerked his head to the side and escaped the blow. Coulter struck at him again and managed to hit him, at the same time pulling the trigger of his revolver. The ball was intended for Mr. Nickel, but he ducked his head and the ball went into the bank building. Loomis grabbed Coulter by the wrist and closed in on him, when Coulter fired his revolver, the ball taking effect in his right thigh. Loomis then grabbed Coulter's revolver by the muzzle and held it in such a vice like grip that Coulter could not use it to advantage, although he emptied every chamber of it.

When Loomis and Coulter were having their tussle, Ezra Loomis, who was standing by, started up town but was commanded by Rains to come back, but failing to heed the command, was shot in the thigh by Rains. This was more than mortal man could stand, and good, law abiding, Christian gentlemen who were eye-witnesses to this outburst, were compelled to go for their guns, and in less time than it takes to chronicle this sentence, Coulter and Rains lay dead in their tracks on Ninth avenue, while Jenness, Johnson, Denning, Borey and Watkins lay scattered around on the avenue wounded.

### BEAVER ITEMS.

Ma. Editor:

Wheat looks fine these days; stock the same. We have lots of rough feed up north. Anyone who wants to trade corn or hay can be accommodated by calling on us in Beaver.

Mr. A. C. Taylor and family have gone east to visit friends. Hope to have them back with us soon.

A brand new girl baby at V. Krenner's. Mother and child doing well.

Married on Feb. 7th, 1888, at 9 p. m., at Dubuque Catholic church, Mr. Joe Dolecheck to Miss Bina Rench, Father Dragon, from Wilson, officiating. After the ceremony, a band of music met them at the church door and accompanied them to the home of the groom, where about 100 people had gathered to spend the day. With abundance of refreshments and good music the dancing was continued until next day, though the time passed rapidly. The newly married couple have the best wishes of the neighbors, who will look anxiously for some other couple to give them the next opportunity for as good a time. BEAVER.

### HOISINGTON HASH.

From the Echo.

Mr. Bradshaw is delivering lime in Hoisington, from his kiln near Olmitz. S. Degan of St. John, who is contemplating starting a dry goods store at this place, was in town on Thursday negotiating for the rent of the store building which Mr. Houck is erecting.

The Red Wing Literary Society has lately been badly torn up over some question which they have chose to debate. It is not right that political views should enter too largely into societies of this nature, as only bitter feelings are aroused from it and no good accomplished.

The Brinkman Lumber Co. have recently made great improvements in their yard at this place, having given it a thorough overhauling and built a fence around it. They are now remodeling the sheds and shingling the ware house and when this is done the whole will be treated to a coat of paint. T. F. Graig of Great Bend is doing the carpenter work. Go thou and do likewise.

### CLAFFIN CLIPS.

(The following are reports of literary productions we find in the Claffin Gazette of the 9th inst, and reproduce verbatim et literatim.—Ed.)

Oh-oh darlin.

buildings on the boom.

Mr. James Sly has completed his residence.

Mr. James Sly has moved into his new dwelling.

Farmers are busy sowing oats and doing their fall plowing.

Chas Montgomery arrived here from the Bend this morning from the Bend, and reports everything on the fly there.

Our p. m. and banker went a fishing Sunday the banker caught the bote and the p. m. done the fishing and never got a bite.

We understand some disinterested party are kicking because we puff up La Crosse a little. We will say for you to keep your mouth shut or we will puff you a little, we are editing this paper not you.

The dance at Williamson's last Friday evening was the largest yet. There was upwards of thirty numbers sold, several persons were in attendance, also there were some in attendance from Ellinwood. The calling was very good and the music was such as cannot be equalled by any of our neighboring villages.

## A MYSTERIOUS AFFAIR.

A Man Found Almost Dead, Cannot Account For His Injuries.

From the Pawnee Rock Leader we get the following account of quite a mysterious affair:

"Just after passenger train No. 5 had thundered over the Ash creek bridge and started on its mad race towards the lights of Larned, Monday night, the 6th inst., Joe Williams and his wife, who live one and one-half miles up the track, were aroused by feeble cries as if one in pain, and on opening the door found lying on the threshold a stranger who was badly bruised about the head and shoulders and had a broken leg. He was taken into the house and a messenger dispatched to Pawnee Rock after a doctor. Dr. Daniels went out and found that the stranger had sustained a severe but not dangerous scalp wound, a few severe bruises, and his left leg had been broken just above the ankle. He remained unconscious during the night, but on the following day had recovered sufficiently for the patient watchers at his bedside to learn that his name was L. Wieck. He could not tell how he came by his injuries. He said he walked from Ellinwood to Great Bend, on Monday afternoon, and took supper at the latter place about 7 p. m. Having lost much sleep he fell into a nap after supper, and does not remember anything that transpired afterward until he was aroused by a heavy jar and saw the lights of a receding railroad train. There are many theories in the case. One theory is, that he was a passenger on No. 5 and walked from the train while a sleep. His injuries, however, do not favor his theory. Had he walked from the train he would have rolled from the track some distance. The marks where the accident occurred show blood and hair on the end of the ties, and also plainly show where he dragged his body along to Williamson's house 300 yards from the track. Some claim it to be a case of foul play. The facts in the case, however, will perhaps, always be shrouded in mystery. The stranger was well dressed and had a \$200 watch and chain, some money and a Wells Fargo express receipt for \$200, property receivable at Coolidge."

### LATER.

"The injured man is sufficiently recovered to state that his home is in Pueblo, Colo. He had been in Wichita during the winter and started home early last week. On the day he was injured he rode with a farmer from Raymond to Ellinwood and then proceeded to the place of accident as above described. His friends have been informed of his misfortune. He will be removed to the Rock Hotel as soon as his condition will permit."

There are other rumors concerning the man which may develop something yet more sensational concerning who he is, and where from.

### PAWNEE ROCKETS.

From the LEADER.

Marsh Miller is batching it while his better-half is sojourning in Utah territory.

Harvey Baird has sold his farm, six miles north, to W. P. Dean, of Nebraska, who is coming overland with four teams to take possession.

J. W. Hertzler held an old fashioned spelling school, at the Pioneer, last Wednesday evening. There was a good crowd and much interest manifested in the exercises.

Rev. Uriah Jamison of Marble Hill, Mo., father of Tom Jamison, is visiting here this week. He has been on a trip through Nebraska and Kansas, and has seen no section of the country which impresses him more favorably than that around Pawnee Rock.

E. Francis rushed frantically into our office this week and implored us take out his local ad., for goodness sake. Last week he had a hundred bushels of seed barley to sell, inserted a two line notice to that effect. In ten hours he had sold every grain of it, and was being overrun with would-be purchasers. Advertise your wants.

Mrs. Gibler, of Claffin, who has been holding down a claim in Stephens county, was in this city Friday on her way home.

### Winter Tourists Tickets.

Round trip, winter tourists tickets are on sale to Galveston, Houston, New Orleans, Mobile, Jacksonville, Macon, Pensacola and other southern winter resorts. Good to return until June 1st, 1888. For full particulars call at this office W. TORREY, Agent, A. T. & S. F., R. R.

## FISH OUT OF WATER.

Members of the Finny Tribe Who Climb Trees and Walk on Land.

Many kinds of fish build nests in the water for the protection of their eggs, but the doras make theirs upon the beach. This they do at the beginning of the rainy season. The nest is formed very nearly like that of a bird and is built of dry leaves, which the little creature goes inland to fetch. When it is finished the eggs are deposited within, and these small fish-parents cover up their embryo offspring most carefully and watch over them with great solicitude. The common eel is known to have a similar habit of moving about on the land, and will even live several days out of water. When an eel is drawn from the water and laid upon the earth it at once puffs out its cheeks in a very noticeable manner. These cheeks are formed of distensible pouches or sacs covering the gills, which the eel fills with water in order that the gill-fibers may be kept moist, by which means he is enabled to remain upon the dry land for a considerable time without coming to serious harm. So, when the pond where the eel makes his home begins to get dry, he takes in a good supply of water and starts off to find another; moving like a snake in an apparently sinuous course, but really in a surprisingly straight line, for the piece of water he wishes to reach, whose direction he seems, by some curious instinct, to know.

The Anabas Scandens, or climbing perch of India, is, perhaps, the most celebrated of any fish which voluntarily comes on shore, as he certainly is the most accomplished in terrestrial feats. He is a little fellow, very like a perch in the general form, with large scales and spiny dorsal fin, and is to be found in rivers and ponds in most parts of the East Indies. When the waters which he inhabits seem in danger of being dried up, he leaves them and travels off in search of others. Though he prefers to make these journeys at night, or in the early morning, while the dew still lies upon the grass, he often travels by day, and has even been met toiling along a hot, dusty gravel-road, under the full glare of an Indian mid-day sun. It is, however, for his climbing powers that this extraordinary fish is famed above all others that frequent the land. By the aid of his spiny gill-covers and tail fin, which he pushes into the crevices in the bark, he manages to climb trees and even tall palm-trees. That he does it awkwardly is true, moving somewhat after the manner of a measuring or looping caterpillar; but the fact that he can accomplish it at all is as marvelous as his object in attempting the feat is inexplicable. Boatmen upon the Ganges and other rivers where these climbing perch abound catch them and put them in earthen pots, keep them alive without any water often for as many as six days, killing them as they wish to use them, and find them during the whole time as lively as when newly caught.

The common perch of our own waters, while unable to climb trees or even to walk about the fields, is possessed of great tenacity of life after being taken from the water. When given a blanket of wet moss it can be carried in apparent comfort for long distances, and in some parts of Europe the fishermen will offer these perch for sale during the day, and if not successful in disposing of them will replace them at night in the ponds from which they were taken in the morning, seemingly none the worse for their outing.—*Swiss Cross.*

## WOOD AS A FUEL.

The Value of Different Kinds as Compared to Ordinary Soft Coal.

In comparing wood with coal as a fuel it is safe to assume that 2 1/2 pounds of dry wood are equal to one pound of average quality soft coal, and that the fuel value of different woods is very nearly the same. That is to say, a pound of hickory is worth no more as a fuel than a pound of pine, assuming both to be dry. If the value be measured by weight, it is important that the wood be thoroughly dry, as each ten per cent. of water or moisture will extract about twelve per cent. from its value as fuel.

It may be interesting in this connection to give the weight of one cord of different woods which are thoroughly dry. These weights are about as follows: Hickory, or hard maple, 4,600; white oak, 3,850; beech, red oak and black oak, 2,250; poplar, chestnut and elm, 2,350; average of pine, 2,000 pounds.

The fuel value of these different kinds of wood, as compared with coal, is about as follows: One cord of hickory, or hard maple, is equal to 2,000 pounds of coal; one cord of white oak, to 1,715 pounds of coal; one cord of beech, red oak or black oak, to 1,410 pounds; one cord poplar, chestnut or elm, to 1,050 pounds; and one cord average pine is equal to 925 pounds of coal. It is supposed, of course, in both tables, that all the wood has been air-dried. The comparative values of woods not mentioned may readily be approximated by the reader.—*Cincinnati Commercial Gazette.*